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REASON FOR THE DIRECTION:

1. This memorandum recommends action in paragraph 6.
2. Charles J.V. Murphy, of ENTERT, is writing a "nuclear story". He has spoken to Pierre Salinger at the White House, and Salinger had him talk to Dr. Wiesner.
3. Mr. Murphy asks CIA if he may talk with Dr. Scoville, OSI, on a non-attribution basis in order to help him get an accurate story.
4. Our contacts over the years with Mr. Murphy have been most excellent. We have found him an honorable man, a most brilliant writer, and a very accurate reporter, as well as a friend of the Agency. In view of this good relationship and the integrity of Mr. Murphy, it may be that Dr. Scoville could have a discussion in my office with Mr. Murphy that would be beneficial to CIA and which would, of course, not disclose any classified information.
5. This is the first instance in which I have not stated that CIA does not and will not discuss any nuclear matters with the Press, referring all such inquiries to the ADC. I believe in this case an exception should be made.
6. RECOMMENDATION: That the DCI authorize me to set up a meeting between Dr. Scoville and Mr. Murphy for discussion of Murphy's project with the understanding that anything said will be "not for attribution" and that no classified information will be furnished to Mr. Murphy.

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cc: ADCI